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BOMBAY INDIAN EXPRESS NEWSPAPER OF FEBRUARY 8, 1975
CARRIED THE FOLLOWING REPORT UNDER A ROME DATELINE
REGARDING THE ATTEMPTED HIJACKING OF AIR-INDIA BOEING
ON DECEMBER 25, 1974:

QUOTE THE MAN WHO TRIED TO SKYJACK AN AIR-INDIA PLANE OVER
ROME LAST DECEMBER HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH INTENT TO
PERPETRATE A MASSACRE.

IN FORMULATING THE CHARGES, THE ROME BENCH NOTED THAT THE
MAN, HOMOLA, NOT ONLY PULLED A KNIFE ON THE PILOT BUT ALSO
THREW HIMSELF ON THE CONTROL PANEL WHICH COULD HAVE
CAUSED THE PLANE TO CRASH, REPORTS ANSA.

THE SKYJACK ATTEMPT OCCURRED ON CHRISTMAS DAY ABOARD A
BOEING ON A ROME-BOMBAY FLIGHT.

AFTER CIRCLING ROME AIRPORT FOR HOURS, THE PLANE FINALLY
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LANDED AND HOMOLA, A NATURALISED CANADIAN CITIZEN, WAS

ARRESTED.

INVESTIGATORS HAVE RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT HOMOLA, BORN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ATTEMPTED TO SKYJACK FOR POLITICAL REASONS. A POWDER FOUND IN HOMOLA'S POCKETS WAS BEING ANALYSED, AS POLICE THOUGHT THAT THE MAN MIGHT HAVE ACTED UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS.

AUTHORITIES WERE TRACKING DOWN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE WOULD-BE SKYJACKER MIGHT HAVE BEEN A RUNNER FOR ONE OF THE LARGE INTERNATIONAL DOPE RING.

SHOULD HOMOLA BE CONVICTED ON THE MASSACRE CHARGES HE COULD FACE A MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 15 YEARS. UNQUOTE.
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